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Re: TMDL Approvals for the Lower Gallatin  
Planning Area TMDLs and Framework Water  
Quality Improvement Plan

Dear Mr. Mathieus:

We have completed our review of the total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) as submitted by your office for the waterbodies listed in the enclosure to this letter. In accordance with the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et. seq.*), we approve all aspects of the TMDLs referenced above as developed for the water quality limited waterbodies as described in Section 303(d)(1). Based on our review, we feel the separate elements of the TMDLs listed in the enclosed table adequately address the pollutants of concern as given in the table, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

Thank you for submitting these TMDLs for our review and approval. If you have any questions, the most knowledgeable person on my staff is Jason Gildea and he may be reached at 406-457-5028.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Hestmark", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Martin Hestmark  
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